
Report to: Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 26 March 2015

Subject: Selection of the Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2015/16 **Wards Affected:** (All Wards);

Report of: Director of Corporate Services

Is this a Key Decision? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** No

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To consider the selection of a Mayor and Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is invited to consider the nomination of Mayor and Deputy Chair for 2015/16 and to select the Members to be nominated to that Office at the Annual Council Meeting on 19 May 2015.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
3	Environmental Sustainability		√	
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy	√		

Reasons for the Recommendation:

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to appoint a Mayor and Deputy. Part 1, s3 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires each principal Council to appoint a Mayor. Under Part 1, s5 (1) each principal Council is required to also appoint a Deputy.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

There are no further options for consideration. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to appoint a Mayor and Deputy.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The appointment has no cost implications. Allowances are not payable for the Deputy Chair position.

(B) Capital Costs

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Financial		
Legal Sections 3-5 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) refer.		
Human Resources None		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has been consulted and notes the report indicates no direct financial implications. (FD 3473/15)
The Head of Corporate Legal Services have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report. (LD 2765/15.)

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that since the 2012/13 Municipal Year, a Deputy Chair has appointed by the Council to fulfil the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1.2. The Cabinet needs to consider the nominations of a Mayor and Deputy Chair to serve in the 2015/16 Municipal Year, in order to offer advance notice to the Members likely to be elected and to enable the necessary personal arrangements to be put in hand. The formal election can only take place at the Annual Meeting.
- 1.3 An early nomination is not, of course, a guarantee of election in May as it is possible for alternative nominations to be made at any time up to and including the date of the Annual Meeting.
- 1.4 In practice, however, this would be outside the arrangements agreed by the Council with regards the Selection and Nomination Procedure.

Selection Criteria

- 1.5 Criteria is in place for the Deputy Mayor (but not the Mayor) as follows, although this does not apply to the position of Deputy Chair:
 - Annual rotation between the three main Political Groups on the Council;
 - Selection to be on the basis of seniority of the Member in the Group (flexibility to be afforded within the Group making the nomination);
 - A Member nominated as Deputy Mayor elect, should have served on the Council for a minimum of one full term (four years)
 - The Member selected as Deputy Mayor elect should not be up for election immediately after serving as Deputy Mayor;
 - A Member may serve as Mayor more than once;
 - A Member must be prepared to agree to undertake the role of Mayor as defined in the approved role profile and should meet, or be willing to meet, the requirements in the approved person profile.